Beyhum, Mohamed Ali
[Beirut, Syria]

1922-1923

Beirut, Syria.

Oct. 18, 1922.

The Director of the Neumismatic Department of the Metropolitan Museum.

(New York). U.S.A.

Dear Sir:

I am in possession of one of the eleven (and only eleven) gold Syrian Pounds that were struck at Damascus when Emir Faisal was proclaimed King of Syria in 1920.

The inscriptions (of course in Arabic) on the above mentioned coin run as follows:-

On one face" "Pound of the Syrian Kingdom. And on the other" "Faisal the First, 1920.

This coin is now for sale and ~~already~~ I am already in comunication with several people and Museums for that purpose. Now should you like to add it to the Metro's collection I would like you please to notify me at once either directly or through the U.S.A's Consulate in Beirut, and please state at the same time what is the highest price you would give for same.

Beleive me Dear Sir,

Yours Faithfully,

Mohamed Ali Beyhum

N.B. The other ten coins struck by the same King are exposed at the Damascus Museum.

Adresse:
Mohamed Ali Beyhum
Beyrouth
Syrie.

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Metropolitan Museum of Art to
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November 21st, 1922

Mr. Mohameo Ali Beyhum
Beyrouth, Syria

Dear Sir:

Your letter of October 18th addressed to the Metropolitan Museum has been forwarded to us for reply.

We are much interested in the Syrian pound struck by King Fisal. Can you send us an impression or rubbing of this coin? Also, we should be glad to know how much you want for it.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW/E

Beirut, Syria.

December 23rd. 1922.

The Numismatic Society.

New York.

U.S.A.

Dear Sirs:

Yours of the 21st. of November to hand for which I thank you.

I am very glad you are interested in the Syrian gold Pound struck by king Faisal. I am herewith sending you a wax print of both its sides for reference. As to what do, I ask for it I really do not know for the simple cause that I am an amateur and can not fix the price of a rare piece like this. It is really to you, being connaisseurs to give me the best offer for it should that suit me I am quite willing to sell.

You may rest assured that this is the only coin that is outside the Damascus Museum.

Very sincerely yours.

Fred Elie Beyhum

January 12th, 1923

Mr. Mohamed Ali Beyhum
Beirut, Syria

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of December 23rd. Unfortunately, the wax impressions of the coin which you sent to us were flattened out smooth by the time they reached here, but we could make out sufficient to see what the coin was like. We are prepared to offer you Twenty-five dollars ($25.00) for this piece, which we consider a fair offer. Should you be willing to send it to us, we shall be glad to send you a cheque for that amount; and would also appreciate it if you would advise as to how you would desire to have the cheque made out.

Trusting to hear from you, I am

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW/E